

## EYES OF BASEBALL ON NEW LEADERS

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teams in the American and National  
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Jack Barry is a much younger man  
than Mitchell, and with the exception  
of one year he has always been on a  
championship club. Barry has taken  
part in five world's championships, and  
never but once has he seen defeat. That  
was in the fall when the Boston Braves  
won four straight. And, strangely  
enough, it happened that Mitchell was  
on the club that scored the victory.

Barry is a pupil of Connie Mack, and  
it is his purpose to handle the Red Sox  
as nearly as possible as Connie did

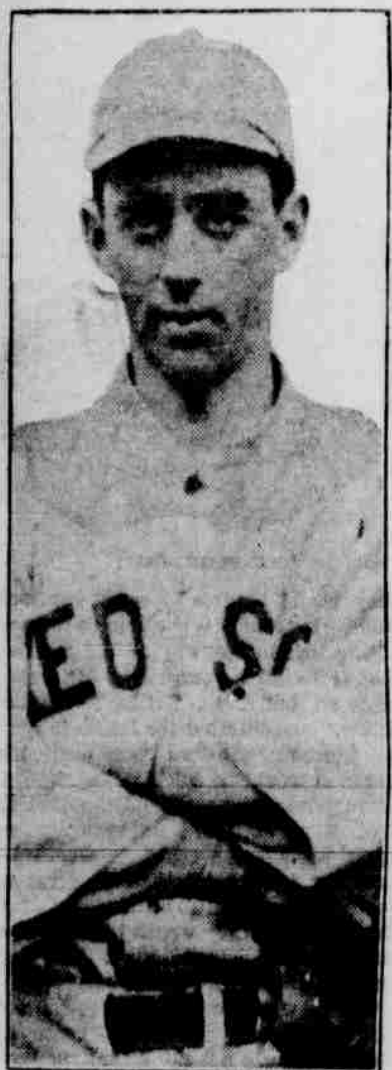


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JACK BARRY, NEW MANAGER OF THE  
RED SOX.

the Athletics. He will be a playing  
manager, while Mitchell will sit on the  
bench. As a matter of fact, Fred  
Mitchell has not played ball regularly  
for several years. He was an advisory  
coach while with the Braves. Before  
that he was a handy man for the  
Yankees.

Fred Mitchell, whose real name, by  
the way, is Yapp, began as a pitcher  
and was working in that capacity for  
the Red Sox when they turned him  
into a catcher. Later he joined the  
Yankees.

In private life Mitchell takes an ac-  
tive interest in politics and is looked  
upon as quite a leader. His knowl-  
edge of men in all walks of life has  
been a big help to him already in build-  
ing up the Cubs. He knows enough  
not to be rash.

"I've got quite a job ahead of me,"  
he said a short time ago, "and I'm go-  
ing to take my time. To construct a  
club one must be very careful. The  
adding of strength in one place will  
often weaken another."

Baseball people throughout the coun-  
try were genuinely happy when it was  
announced that Mitchell at last had  
got a chance to show what he could  
do as a manager. Fred is immensely  
liked by everybody.

Jack Barry is a quiet, thoughtful fel-  
low, but has never been much of a  
rager. He takes baseball very seri-  
ously and plans everything deliber-  
ately. Nothing is guesswork with him,  
and he does not jump at conclusions.  
The best way to describe him is as a  
typical ball player of the Connie Mack  
type.

It was Barry's wonderful work in  
helping Carrigan direct the Red Sox  
during the time that he was laid up  
with injury that caused him to be sug-  
gested as manager. Carrigan was en-  
thusiastic about Barry when owner  
Franz asked advice of the former  
manager.

#### American League Umpires.

Barry McCormick and George Mod-  
arty are the only new members of the  
1917 staff of American League umpires.  
Frank ("Slick") O'Loughlin, William F.  
Evans, T. H. Connolly, O. B. Owens,  
William Dineen, George Hildebrand  
and R. F. Nallin complete the staff.

Apple trees continue to bear fruit  
from twenty-five to forty years, ac-  
cording to the care they receive; pears  
for even longer, pines about twenty  
years and peaches on an average eight  
to ten years.

What "Barrage Fire" Is.  
An interesting feature of artillery  
fire is the "barrage" or "barrage" fire.  
This means simply keeping up such a  
terrible fire on a certain area that an  
enemy cannot or will not cross it.  
When an infantry attack is launched  
a barrage on the ground beyond the  
enemy's front line prevents his re-en-  
forcements coming up while the at-  
tacking infantry are having it out with  
the defenders of the trench. If the  
attack carries beyond the first line the  
artillery of the defense promptly in-  
terposes a barrage to prevent its reach-  
ing the second line. If the attack on  
the first line fails the defending artil-  
lery puts a barrage behind the at-  
tacker's line to prevent re-enforcements  
coming up to it and to enable the vic-  
torious defenders to counterattack and  
destroy the enemy in his own trenches.  
It is merely a wholesale development  
of a long established method of sup-  
porting the infantry.—Major E. D.  
Scott in National Service Magazine.

Mystery of a Fish.  
In the economy of nature nothing is  
more remarkable than the metamor-  
phosis of the flounder, which when  
young swims in an upright position, as  
do all other fish, but when maturity  
develops it becomes topheavy, falls  
over on its side and its existence is  
passed as a flat fish.

That nature moves in a mysterious  
way is here freely illustrated, for when  
the flounder falls flat the two eyes,  
which originally were on either side of  
the head, are transposed to the upper  
side of the fish, where they always  
face the light.

The process by which this strange  
change is accomplished has never been  
discovered by scientists and is a mar-  
velous instance of nature's operations,  
for while the fish usually rests upon  
bottom it can readily swim about in  
any depth of water.—New York Sun.

A Short Business Talk.  
In a certain store the merchandise  
manager sent for the ready to wear and  
millinery buyers and said to them:

"You men are getting a bad accumu-  
lation of stock that is hard to move.  
Hereafter you will make a daily and  
weekly inventory and send the report  
to this office."

Both buyers declared this to be im-  
possible, but the merchandise man told  
them to go and do it. Especially he  
wanted them to show the age of the  
goods in stock, the sizes and the colors.  
After attempting to take some of  
these daily inventories the buyers de-  
cided that an easier way would be to  
get busy and sell the goods faster. This  
same plan has been used in many de-  
partments with fine results.

There is nothing like the spot light  
to engender selling activity in a store.—  
Philadelphia Record.

All in the Dialect.  
A New Zealand man vouches for the  
truth of the following story:

Dick Seddon was of Lancashire ori-  
gin, and when he died the Lancastrian  
society in New Zealand sent a wreath  
with the following inscription: "I have  
gone whoam." The journalist who re-  
ported the funeral evidently did not  
come from Lancashire and consequently  
was somewhat puzzled by the word  
ing and, after thinking hard, con-  
cluded that some one had blundered. His  
report read:

"The Lancastrian society sent a  
beautiful wreath bearing the inscrip-  
tion: 'I have gone. Who am I?'"

Destroying an Idol.  
"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Tor-  
kins, "you can say anything you like  
nowadays about George Washington.  
can't you?"

"Yes. The lid seems to be off."  
"Well, I never liked to mention it be-  
fore, but I have my doubts about his  
being incapable of an effort to deceive.  
His pictures look to me as if the old  
gentleman wore a wig."—Washington  
Star.

Luxury and Labor.  
Alexander the Great, reflecting on his  
friends degenerating into sloth and  
luxury, told them that it was a most  
slavish thing to luxuriate and a most  
royal thing to labor.—Barrow.

Happiness.  
Happiness rarely is absent. It is that  
we know not of its presence. The  
greatest felicity avails us nothing if  
we know not that we are happy.

### PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

#### Diet and Health.

In an article on "Taming the  
Liver" World's Work says that  
the daily meal of the average  
business man consisting of meat  
and potatoes and white bread is  
ideal for inducing constipation.  
Most of us should not eat more  
than once a day. Eat the shells  
of your baked potatoes and eat  
whole wheat bread or graham  
for the help that what we call  
"roughage" has in stimulating  
bowel action. And see to it that  
you take liberal portions of at  
least two kinds of vegetables at  
both luncheon and dinner, such  
as vegetables as peas, beans, let-  
tuce, parsnips, carrots, turnips,  
cucery, asparagus, cabbage,  
Brussels sprouts, tomatoes, sals-  
fy, Spanish onions, asparagus  
and spinach. If you dislike these  
you will be able to substitute  
fruits that you do like. Eat the  
right things, get sufficient exer-  
cise and rest and you will have  
no need for habit-forming lax-  
atives which eventually may do  
you much harm.

Singapore motion picture theaters  
have cheaper seats behind the screens  
for poorer class natives.

Garfield was the first president to  
have his mother among his inaugu-  
ration day hearers.

## FATHERTIME HALTS MANY VETERANS

1917 Season Will Mark Pass-  
ing of Famous Baseball Stars.

### LARRY LAJOIE IS GONE

One of Game's Greatest Players Will  
Handle Minor League Team This  
Year—Bender and Brown Through as  
Major League Pitchers.

With the opening of the baseball sea-  
son of 1917 almost at hand, it is no-  
ticed with saddening regret by old  
time fans that the names of at least  
five former stars are missing from the  
rolls. This is the first time in a de-  
cade of stirring diamond battles that  
the names of Lajoie, Mathewson, Ben-  
der, Miner Brown and maybe Jimmy  
Archer will not appear as active par-  
ticipants.

Lajoie will no longer throw terror  
into the hearts of young pitchers. Mat-  
thy and Miner Brown will never again  
fight one of those duels between the  
Cubs and Giants, and that cruel grin  
of Chief Bender will no longer be a  
disturbing factor in a world's series.  
Those boys are done.

Of these baseball immortals Mat-  
thy will remain in the limelight as man-  
ager of the Cincinnati Reds, but he has  
given up all hope of being able to pitch  
again. The arm that in the past has

been worth as much as a half million  
dollars to the New York club will act  
merely as a semaphore on the coaching  
lines.

This is the first spring in sixteen  
years that Big Six did not go south  
with the Giants as a player. In the  
camp at Marlin he was sadly missed.

Lajoie is also a manager, but his ac-  
tivities are limited to the International  
league, and he will not even have the  
chance of talking back at his old as-  
sociates. He says that he intends to  
play a few games for Toronto, but the  
chances are that he will change his  
mind when some youngster comes up  
full of enthusiasm and on a fast pair  
of legs. It is the one great regret of  
Lajoie's life that in all his days of  
glory he was never so fortunate as to  
be on a championship club. On several  
occasions he came close while with the  
Cleveland club, but, like Nap Rucker,  
he was never able to make his efforts  
count for a championship.

Incidentally Nap Rucker is another  
of the great ones who did not show up  
for training. This famous left hander  
has decided to retire from baseball al-  
together rather than to take his chances  
in a minor league.

Another source of regret shared by  
Matty and Lajoie alike is that in all  
their experiences circumstances never  
willed it for them to face each other.

While in New York recently Lajoie  
declared that he had often wanted to  
hit against Matty, and Matty, who  
was present, came right back with the  
remark that he always had wanted to  
face Lajoie just to see what kind of  
balls the Frenchman preferred to hit.

Jimmy Archer is not exactly out of  
baseball, but he is not with the Cubs,  
and he has been given permission to  
trade himself to some other club if he  
can do so to his own advantage.

Chief Bender was recently let out by  
the Phillies. It is likely that the crafty  
Indian will get a place with some mi-  
nor league club. Several of the busi-  
ness managers have been after him, and  
he will probably take one of these jobs.  
The chief is not any too well fixed in  
the matter of finances and could use a  
good job very handsomely now.

In his day Bender has been one of  
the most skillful of all pitchers, and  
his work for the Athletics was largely  
responsible for their several champion-  
ships.

Another old timer, in fact the veter-  
an of them all, is still in the game, but  
realizes that his pitching days are  
numbered. That man is Eddie Plank.  
This marvelous left hander, though in  
his forties, pitched some great ball  
last year, but it was easy to see that  
his arm was weakening. Recently the  
St. Louis Browns have tried to trade  
him, but other managers are hesitant  
about taking a chance.

The comparative mortality of differ-  
ent occupations shows that clergy and  
farm laborers have the lowest death  
rate.

Hope is a dream a man has when  
he is awake.

Our wishes lengthen as our sun de-  
clines.—Young.

To clean brass flowerpots or trays  
rub them with a piece of lemon; then  
pour boiling water over them and finally  
polish with a soft dry cloth.

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## RAILROAD CONTROL

Now Have Forty-nine Conflicting  
Masters.

### DIFFICULT TO SERVE PUBLIC.

Favor Reorganization of Interstate  
Commerce Commission, Giving It Ex-  
clusively the Powers and Functions of  
Overlapping and Conflicting Commis-  
sions of Many States.

Washington.—The rumors that the  
federal government would assume closer  
control of transportation problems by  
establishing a new cabinet portfolio  
persist, despite the fact that Daniel  
Willard, president of the Baltimore  
and Ohio, who was said to be slated  
for the place, declared last week that  
there was no foundation for them. A  
representative of the railway execu-  
tives' advisory committee of New York  
says that this story of a new cabinet  
place is doubtless a distorted outgrowth  
of the attitude of railway managements  
in favoring complete federal regula-  
tion. Mr. Willard is an active mem-  
ber of the advisory committee.

The proposal of the advisory com-  
mittee, according to Assistant Chair-  
man Francis H. Sisson, is not the crea-  
tion of a new cabinet portfolio. Such  
a move the committee deems unneces-  
sary. It favors instead the reorganiza-  
tion of the Interstate Commerce  
Commission, giving it exclusively the  
powers and functions of the overlap-  
ping and conflicting commissions of  
forty-eight states.

"Railroad men realize that in this  
critical hour of the country's history  
they must join with the other business  
interests of the nation in promoting the  
common good," said Mr. Sisson. "The  
situation calls for prompt and efficient  
transportation preparedness for either  
war or peace. We place our case in the  
public's hands. The solution of the  
problem awaits its understanding and  
constructive action. Whatever may  
have been the mistakes of the past,  
our desire today is to serve the public  
in the most efficient manner possi-  
ble, to have the transportation busi-  
ness treated as the nation's business,  
to be regulated on behalf of all the  
states and in the public interest."

The fundamental contention of the  
advisory committee is that the consti-  
tution of the United States places the  
regulation of interstate commerce in  
the hands of congress to whatever ex-  
tent congress chooses to exercise it.  
State commissions and legislatures, it  
holds, can exercise only so much au-  
thority as congress falls to use. The  
states, however, have gradually ex-  
tended their activities in this direction  
until there is a multiplicity of conflict-  
ing regulations.

The railroads now serve forty-nine  
conflicting masters, and railroad men  
say that this condition makes it in-  
creasingly difficult to serve the public  
properly. They feel, however, that the  
suggestion of a new cabinet portfolio  
of transportation, while not likely to  
be adopted, is indicative of the increas-  
ing appreciation in governmental cir-  
cles of the importance of federal con-  
trol of railroads. This control would  
cover supervision of railroad securities,  
federal incorporation of interstate car-  
riers, regulation of rates, a regional  
and functional division of the work of  
the Interstate Commerce Commission,  
restriction of rate suspension to not  
more than sixty days and giving the  
Interstate Commerce Commission power  
to prescribe minimum as well as  
maximum rates.

Shrewd.  
The manager, writing out the an-  
nouncement of his show, ended with  
these words:

"The patronage of children under  
eighteen is not encouraged."  
"That," he remarked shrewdly, "will  
appeal to the children over eighteen!"  
—New York Post.

Hard on the Records.  
Freshman (in awed voice)—See that  
big fellow over there? He broke three  
records last week. Sweet Young  
Thing—Mercy, I wouldn't let him run  
the phonograph!—Penn State Froth.

Blindfolded.  
If blindfolded, it is said, no person  
is able to stand five minutes without  
moving.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Restrain a Cough.

A patient German statistician  
has calculated that a patient who  
coughs once every quarter of an  
hour for ten hours expends en-  
ergy equivalent to 250 units of  
heat, which may be translated  
as equivalent to the nourish-  
ment contained in three eggs or  
two glasses of milk. In normal  
respiration the air is expelled  
from the chest at the rate of  
four feet per second, whereas in  
violent coughing it may attain  
a velocity of 300 feet. This  
waste of energy is especially im-  
portant because it occurs for the  
most part in persons whose as-  
similative functions are already  
working under difficulties; conse-  
quently the ingestion of the cor-  
responding quantity of nourish-  
ment by no means compensates  
for the exertion. It follows that  
persistent cough is per se a  
cause of emaciation, though  
there are many other factors  
which tend in the same direc-  
tion; hence the desirability of re-  
straining cough within safe lim-  
its, especially when it is due to  
irritative reflexes, such as are  
excited by laryngitis and pharyn-  
gitis.—Medical Critic and Guide.

Her 103d Birthday.

Bloomington, Ill.—Fuzz is dead. Fuzz  
in this part of the state, Mrs. Mary  
Potter of Dwight, celebrated her one  
hundred and third birthday anniver-  
sary recently. She still owns the farm  
she purchased from the government in  
1840, said to be the only tract in Illi-  
nois which has not changed hands.  
She credits simple food and plenty of  
sleep for her long life.

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